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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2000

*Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year
from the Thorn Staff*

Rose students lend a helping hand

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology students are helping others during this holiday season by volunteering to assemble bicycles to be donated to the Salvation Army, hosting a Christmas party for local needy children, and raising over \$2,500 to provide food for the less fortunate.

More than 200 members of student organizations and fraternities worked last Saturday to assemble 365 bicycles and tricycles for the Exchange Club of Terre Haute's Bikes For Tykes community project. Students also helped deliver the bikes to local families.

"The generosity and sincerity of Rose-Hulman students is heartwarming," said Exchange Club President Jeff Ennen, estimating that the 365 bicycles were assembled in less than two hours.

"We had students building bikes, making final inspections and tagging the bikes for distribution. This project could not have been done without these wonderful students."

For their part, the students were happy to lend a helping hand.

"I'm getting into the Christmas spirit. It's nice to know that we're helping hundreds of local children," said junior electrical engineering student Elizabeth Huttzell.

"Now I know what my parents went through assembling my toys on Christmas Eve."

Junior mechanical engineering student David Berty added, "This project provided a welcome break from the normal routine of homework, laboratories, and studying for tests. We had no problem getting members of the football team to volunteer. It was a lot of fun and was a worthwhile cause."

Joining varsity football players in assisting with the project were members of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, the American Society of Civil Engineers, Circle K Club, Intervarsity, National Society of Black Engineers and Society of Women Engineers, and Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities. The Indiana Air National Guard hosted the assembly party.

In other holiday projects, the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers again this year were the largest single contributor to the Terre Haute Tribune-Star Christmas Basket Fund.

The students collected approximately \$2,500 from the campus community. The money will be used to provide food to needy



Photo courtesy of Rose-Hulman.edu

Senior Michelle Everley was among several hundred students helping the Terre Haute Exchange Club assemble 365 bikes for needy children.

families in Vigo County.

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity members hosted a Christmas party on campus for 20 children from the Ryves Hall Youth Cen-

ter.

The party included games, gifts and snacks, along with a visit from Santa Claus.

Members of the Residence Hall

Association also created handmade crafts that were delivered to local children. Kate Daniel, a junior chemical engineering student, coordinated the project.

Optical radar project benefits students

Physics and applied optics students can't study courses in the relatively new field of radio frequency photonics engineering -- the technology behind radar systems. Instead, they must "experience" it through work on unique research projects. Thanks to a federally funded project by the Office of Naval Research, Rose-Hulman undergraduate and graduate students, along with faculty, are gaining expertise in such areas as wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) packaging, channel balancing and true-time delays. Collaborating with the Naval Surface Warfare Center (Crane, Ind.) and the Technology Service Corporation, Rose-Hulman intends to demonstrate the merits of a wideband opti-

cally multiplexed beamforming architecture (WOMBAT). The task is complicated because it requires knowledge of optics and physics along with elements of electrical engineering, chemistry, mathematics and mechanical engineering. "Radio frequency photonics is an interdisciplinary field that requires students and faculty of wide ranging interests and skills. The benefits to Rose-Hulman and its students will be observed far into the future," said Project Principal Investigator Azad Siahmakoun, professor of physics and applied optics. During a 10-week summer research experience, Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Professor Bruce Black worked with senior com-

puter engineering major Luke Skelly and graduate students Zhen Ji and Sean Durrant to design and construct a high power, low noise 1320 nm fiber optic link. They also configured the necessary electronics for radio frequency input to the electro-optic modulator. In another area, Physics and Applied Optics Professor Galen Duree, junior computer engineering major Kyle Jones and graduate student Martin Nagel constructed two-channel WDM modules. Photorefractive fabrication techniques are used to develop MUX and DEMUX components for the 1320 nm beamformer prototype. Overall, 20 undergraduate and graduate students teamed with seven fac-

ulty to design and study elements of an optical radar system. Ten students (four undergraduates and six graduate students) and two post-doctoral fellows have continued the project throughout the academic year. Summer research opportunities are planned this summer and in 2002. Faculty from the University of Colorado, UCLA, University of Arkansas, University of Central Florida and Fisk University are consulting on the project. "This shows how research and education can combine to help undergraduate students prepare for their future in industry or graduate school," said Charles Joenathan, department chair. He adds that these research projects also keep fac-

ulty on the cutting edge of emerging technologies, without leaving campus. Other examples include Professor Robert Bunch, who works with undergraduate students on many projects as director of the Center for Applied Optics Studies and technical consultant with Rose-Hulman Ventures; Professor Michael McInerney, who helped develop electronic packaging for the semiconductor industry, with assistance from one undergraduate student and one graduate student; and Professor Richard Ditteon, who oversaw three students that discovered new asteroids in the solar system from the campus' Oakley Observatory. (Three asteroids may be named by the students in the future.)

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THURSDAY

Snow Showers/Hi 22-Low 7

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Partly Cloudy/Hi 22-Low 12

information courtesy The Weather Channel

CAMPUS CALENDAR

				December 21	22	23
					<i>Hannukkah</i> Start of Holiday Break	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<i>Christmas Day</i>					
Holiday Break						
31	January 1	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>New Year's Day</i>					
Holiday Break						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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All submissions must be made by Wednesday at noon in order to be published in *Events* in the Rose Thorn on Friday.

R News Briefs

Engineering Students Hope To Encourage Minorities To Fields

Hoping to attract more female and minority students to study engineering, science and technical fields in college, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's Society of Women Engineers and National Society of Black Engineers hosted on-campus programs for high school and middle school students.

Seven Wabash Valley high school seniors were among 24 students from throughout the Midwest attending a Women Exploring Engineering program on Dec. 8-9. The list of area students included Kathryn Bennett and Alana Burke of Terre Haute, Stephanie Smith of Clay City, Jade Wamsley of Sullivan, Amanda Olvey of Carlisle, Emily Mitchell of Chrisman, Ill., and Amber Hoke of Robinson, Ill.

The students participated in hands-on engineering projects, spent time with current female Rose-Hulman students, experienced residence hall life at the college and heard career advice from female faculty and staff members. Nan Macari, supervisor of the engine development program at Caterpillar Technical Center, was the guest speaker at a special dinner.

On Dec. 11, 40 students from Chauncey Rose Middle School participated in an afterschool visitation day program that provided information about engineering careers and a campus tour.

Nationally, females make up 20 percent of enrollments at college engineering programs. The statistics are much lower for African Americans.

Women Exploring Engineering Day coordinators were Elizabeth Hutsell and Sarah White of SWE, and Lisa Olson of Rose-Hulman's Admissions Office. Tonya Cole of NSBE organized the visit by Chauncey Rose students.

Hulbert Honored by Hospice

President Samuel Hulbert was honored Dec. 7 by Hospice of the Wabash Valley for his

contributions to the Terre Haute community and for his work to advance the field of biomedical engineering.

Hulbert received the Chapman S. Root Award which is presented at the Hospice of the Wabash Valley's annual fund-raising dinner.

Hospice honored Hulbert because of his volunteer leadership as a board member for many local community organizations, and for his pioneering work in the field of biomedical engineering. Hulbert is internationally known for his work to use ceramics to create artificial knees, hips, and dental prostheses. He has been honored by American and European medical societies for his contributions to biomedical engineering.

Hulbert is serving in his 25th year as the 11th president of Rose-Hulman.

Freshmen Still Happy With College Choice, College Life

After completing their first academic quarter, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology freshmen expressed satisfaction with their selection to attend the nationally ranked college, despite the demanding academic environment.

This year's Freshman Poll, conducted by the Student Affairs Office at the end of the fall quarter, gave all-time high marks for campus dining services, the Logan Library, course registration, and the level of instruction in graphical communications and Physics I courses.

Overall, 86 percent of the 410 freshmen were "extremely pleased" or "pleased" with their decision to attend Rose-Hulman. Only two percent were displeased to be at the college.

The first-year students viewed the most positive aspects of Rose-Hulman as the friendly atmosphere (72 responses), amount of help available (58), professors (57), small school/small classes (47), resident hall staff (35), quality education (34), learning environment (23) and Rose-Hulman people (18).

The most negative aspects were workload (40 responses), computer network (37), male/female ratio (23), activities/social life (22) and some professors (18).

Seventy-one percent of freshmen visited the college's Learning Center, 61 percent reported their resident hall is kept clean by the custodial staff; 78 percent used U.S. News & World Report's College Guide and Money magazine during their college search; and 82 percent used the World Wide Web to gather college information.

Campaign tops \$170 million

Major gifts from alumni and other friends of the college have kept Phase II of the Vision to be the Best Campaign ahead of schedule to achieve its \$200 million goal by 2004. \$170.1 million has been received of which \$64.1 million supports Phase II of the campaign, according to Darrell Loyless, vice president for development and external affairs.

Phase II was launched on Sept. 10, 1999 after the Phase I goal of \$100 million was achieved earlier than planned. Of the campaign total, \$110 million has been received in cash gifts. "Phase II goals are focused on the needs of people—our students and faculty," Loyless said. "It is vital that gifts also help to increase the college's endowment. "The endowment must be increased to ensure that Rose-Hulman can continue providing the outstanding education now available to our ac-

ademically talented students," he emphasized.

Rose-Hulman's endowment was valued at \$183.5 million on June 30, 2000. The figure is smaller than most of the members institutions of the American Association of Independent Technological Universities of which Rose-Hulman is a member. Additional endowment resources would be used to:

Continue to hire and retain the very best faculty; Ensure that the most academically talented students could attend Rose-Hulman; Create and maintain modern facilities and laboratories; Provide the opportunity for the development and implementation of new ideas to enhance the educational offerings at Rose-Hulman.

Gifts to the campaign are still needed to increase scholarships, professional development opportunities, endowed chairs and profes-

sorships, and for new technology to be used in the classroom and laboratories.

Thus far, nearly \$12 million of the \$20 million scholarship goal has been achieved. Gifts totaling \$6.5 million have been received to reach the \$13 million goal for new technology. Support to the annual fund is vital to the daily needs of the college, Loyless explained. Annual Fund gifts total almost \$4.8 million of the \$20 million annual giving goal. "Alumni supported to the campaign has set record levels," Loyless noted. As of June 30, 2000, alumni had contributed \$77 million to the campaign. "We have accomplished a great deal, yet challenges remain to achieve the support needed to provide faculty and students with the best educational environment," Loyless stated.

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I know. It's an endless string of delays and changes, of check-ins and metal detectors, of snippy complaints and crying babies. The airline experience in this country has become the bane of a traveler's existence.

Sir! Stay back. I'm talking. Thank you.

Weary, bleary-eyed, we trudge through the concourses,

hoping our baggage has made the flight change with us.

I say "we," because really, I am one of you. I may stand behind this podium, the boarding procedures Nazi, but I fly these planes just like you. No, I don't pay the same exorbitant fares as you do, but I do face the claustrophobia and mechanical problems.

And I'll tell you a secret -- none of it is going to change anytime soon. Flying is going to be a chore for the foreseeable future. But I have something else I'll share with you and it isn't a method for getting around the two-item carry-on limit or the fasten seatbelts sign. Perhaps just as valuable, though.

Hold on, ma'am. I'll process your card in a second. This is important. Just wait.

You see, I discovered something when I made my own trek across the airports of this country over Thanksgiving. You can affect how enjoyable your trip is.

No, it's not mind-over-matter to stop turbulence, but with a little change of perspective, the experience as a whole can actually be fun. Really.

Try this when you get to the

next city. Stop for a few minutes, take a deep breath, force a smile and then watch. And listen. Be a passive observer. There are so many stories around you.

When I was passing through Salt Lake City over Thanksgiving, I did just that and you'd be amazed at what I heard and saw.

There was the boy who was probably all of three years old, bouncing through a shop sporting three sets of plastic airline wings on his jean jacket.

There was the guy who was dressed for mountain-climbing, complete with the hiking backpack and walking stick.

The girl in the pink dress who was literally skipping down the concourse singing, with not a parent in sight.

The old man going the other direction on the moving sidewalk with a single white rose in a tiny vase and a smile of joyful expectation. The smell of pizza and the sound of a woman on a cell phone telling the other party that "everything that can go wrong has gone wrong." There was the young man of 20 or so years who was speaking to his love on a public phone, saying goodbye to her as if he were

being torn away to go to war and never return.

The blind man tapping his way through the terminal; the woman calling home to check on her dogs.

There was the father relating to his daughter that he had been on the moving walkway a month ago in the same spot when his mother went by going the opposite way neither knew the other would be there. He had jumped the rail and met with his mother, waiting with her for her flight.

And, my favorite: the woman driving the golf-cart shuttle bus, beeping and yelling "Coming through!" to clear away pedestrians, who, as she passed was talking with her passengers:

Rider: "Do you like this job?"

Driver: dry laugh. "No."

Really. It's all true. There are millions of dramas, hundreds of touching stories, thousands of frustrations to sympathize with, dozens of fascinating insights to be had.

If you force yourself to relax a bit and look for them, they'll all pop out and make even that two-hour wait on the tarmac survivable. Try it this season with all of your flights.

Now, of course, on my return

trip, I faced mechanical problems, delays and "equipment changes," and it was a lot harder to enjoy things through my gritted teeth, but the complimentary upgrade to first class did help a bit.

Hold on a minute, sir. We will all board soon! I was just finishing. Anyway my point. We're all in this boat, er, plane together. Take some time to look around and listen.

Strike up a friendly conversation with the guy reading the Seattle paper in Atlanta. Say "How are you doing?" to the gate attendant with the exhausted look.

So, I want to add a piece of advice when I wish you Happy Holidays. No matter how hard it is, keep in mind that we are all real people in this system, whether we're flying the plane or watching the movie with \$3 stethoscope headsets and we're all doing our best to get millions of people and tens of millions of bags across the world in a matter of only few hours.

Now, if you please. Rows 40-46 only please. Rows 40-46.

Strange Stories among Us...

Curtis Geen
Staff Writer

As the holidays near, I thought it might be a good time to bring a little holiday cheer. What else brings laughter then foolish people. Whether they're criminals or just normal people, nothing makes you laugh harder than craziness.

If you have ever wondered why criminals do should stupid things, the answer is simple. Intelligent people don't commit crimes. As a result of criminals lacking the necessary intelligence, they sometimes make mistakes, which can be quite humorous. The cops asked one particular criminal why someone would be shooting at him. The man reportedly told police he was a "crack head" and steals from his neighbors to support his habit.

In another case, an individual fit the description of the assailant in a recent crime, and along with a few others he was put in a line up. As they went down

the line they were asked to say, "Give me your money or I'll shoot". The guilty man then blurted out, "That's not what I said."

Many of us have lived with someone that does stupid things. One of my favorite examples occurred in New Jersey. A woman accidentally glued one of her eyes shut when, instead of using eye drops; she picked up crazy glue. Sometimes people may lose their minds slightly, such as the woman who had a really hot cup of coffee that needed to be cooled down. So she put it in the microwave on defrost, thinking that might help. As the rest of the people at the Christmas party laughed, she went and took her "cooled" down cup out of the microwave to find out it was actually hotter.

The elderly, I can understand, sometimes lose their hearing and may not understand what was said to them. One such elderly woman when

pulled over by a police officer wondered why the device her family told her to buy didn't work. As the police officer peered into the woman's car, he stopped for a second and then asked, "Why is that on your dash?" She then told the officer that her family had told her to buy one, to which he replied, "They said a fuzzbuster, not a dustbuster."

Of course, there are mothers that never want to let go of their baby, but this brings it to a whole new level. In Illinois, a woman has been taken to court because she still breast feeds her 5 year old son, bringing a whole new meaning to bringing your lunch from home.

As you look over how asinine some people can be, just be happy that you aren't. Let the epiphany that no matter how poor your grades, you are not a complete moron, be my Christmas present to you. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Has Dr. Seuss' Grinch sold out?

Micah Wedemeyer
The Daily Iowan
(U. Iowa)

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa -

Has Dr. Seuss' Grinch sold out? -- Yes.

As the holiday season approaches, millions of families are heading to the theater to see a new film starring a dastardly green villain who learns a lesson in sharing. Of course, by now, everyone has heard of The Grinch Who Sold Products. This film is nothing but a commercial wrapped up and sold to consumers for the Christmas season.

Possibility of profit makes for some strange associations. For example, Visa has decided to team up with Universal Studios and release a line of Grinch credit cards along with promotions designed to get people to charge up their credit bills during the holiday frenzy. It is surprising that Visa does not see the irony here. Visa is the Grinch, minus the lesson in sharing, of course. Visa charges millions in interest and fees every day to people they fooled into buying on credit.

The most unfortunate aspect of the

Seuss sell-off is that it undercuts the message the good doctor worked so hard to convey: Christmas is about more than packages, bows and return receipts. Christmas is about the love of family and friends, in spite of financial and consumer concerns.

How long before we see a commerce-friendly rewrite such as:

And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet fixed fast in the queue

Of shoppers who still had Eve shopping to do,

Pulled out his new Visa, with nary a yawn,

His charge account still far from near-overdrawn.

Just as with all children's movies these days, the makers of Grinch wanted to make a little cash on the side. Apparently for them, the receiving is much more important than the giving. In order to capitalize on its sure-fire hit, Universal Studios has sold the Grinch name to anyone with enough green to afford it. Perhaps a better title for this film would have been The Prostituting of the Green Guy or possibly Now That Seuss is Dead, Let's Make Some Money Off His Stuff!

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Ian's Entertainment Year 2000 in Review

Ian Stallman
Entertainment Editor

Let me begin by saying that 2000 was somewhat of a disappointment on most entertainment fronts. There was no "lights-out" best movie, nor was there an album that really blew my socks off. What 2000 brought were mostly mediocre films and albums, and a whole slew of horrible films, albums, and TV shows. Here are some of my favorites from the year 2000, along with some of my least favorites and some special awards. Enjoy!

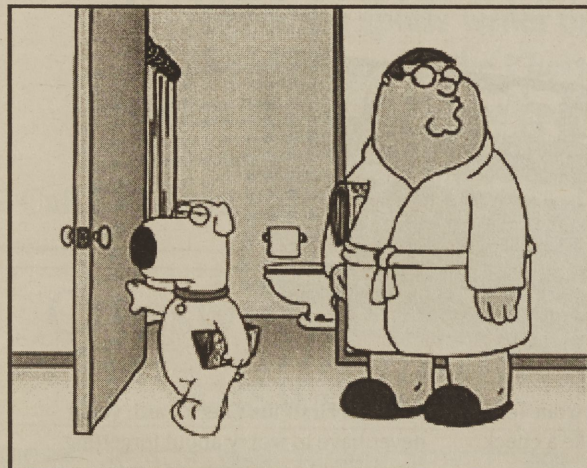
Best Movie: *Nurse Betty* and *Meet the Parents* (tie)

Both of these films were incredibly funny. *Nurse Betty* was one of the most underrated films of the year. Renee Zellweger played the part of a soap opera crazed housewife almost flawlessly, and the interaction between Chris Rock and Morgan Freeman was absolutely hysterical. *Meet the Parents* was tabbed as one of the year's blockbuster films, and it didn't disappoint. De Niro perfected the comedic form he began in *Analyze This*, and Ben Stiller returned to the role he had in *There's Something About Mary*—probably the role best suited for his talents.

Honorable mentions: *X-Men*, *Gladiator*.

Best Album: *From Scene to Shining Scene* by Chixdiggit

When I reviewed this album back in September, I gave it a 3.75/4 due to its short playtime and my uncertainty of its long-term playability. Well, it's now December and it's still in my CD changer, and I still sing a few bars from it every day. I know I gave the new NOFX album a 4, but I've wavered on that album since then, so Chixdiggit gets the nod.



Just another "witty, delightful" scene from the TV Series of the year: "Family Guy."

www.fox.com



Robert DeNiro talks face to face with his potty-trained kitty in *Meet the Parents*.

www.imdb.com

Honorable mentions: *Pump Up the Valium*--NOFX, *Supreme Clientele*--Ghostface Killah

Best TV Series: "Family Guy"

I don't watch much TV, but I always made time to watch "Family Guy" every week, no matter what time slot Fox decided to put it in that week. Some of the episodes were kind of lacking this season, but some were absolute classics (Norm McDonald as the Grim Reaper, Peter vs. Lois for school board president). "Family Guy's" absence from Fox's fall schedule was one of the biggest disappointments of the year (along with USA dropping "Single Guy" from their US-AM lineup).

Honorable mentions: "Ed", "Boston Public"

Best Sporting Event: The Super Bowl

This year's Super Bowl was hands down the best I have ever seen. In fact, it was one of the best football games I had ever seen. Honorable mention: The Cardinals drubbing the Braves in the NL Divisional Series

Best Concert: Teen Idols and Reel Big Fish (tie)

Refer to my previous reviews of these concerts.

Best Comeback: Weezer

When Weezer teamed back up to join the Warped Tour this summer (minus Matt Sharp--the bassist who's exit from the band signaled their breakup), they gave hope back to those of us that long for the creativity of early to mid-90's alternative music. Weezer's self-titled "blue album" is still one of my favorites, and Matt Sharp's side project, The Rentals, are also incredible. Weezer is touring the US this winter, and most of the shows are already sold-out. Sounds like a successful comeback to me.

Honorable mention: Red Hot Chile Peppers

Worst Movie: *The Ninth Gate*

Worst Album: *Symbolic* by Voodoo Glow Skulls

Worst TV Show: "Opposite Sex"

Worst Concert: some punk show I saw in a basement in Cami, IL.

Worst Waste of Talent: Jim



Ian's 2000 Comeback of the Year Award recipient: Weezer
www.weezer.com

Carrey in *The Grinch* and Norm McDonald in "Norm" (tie)

Best Album by a Dead Person: 1 by The Beatles

Best Song Title: "Clams Have Feelings Too (Actually They Don't)" by NOFX

Most Annoying Band: Limp Bizkit and Blink 182 (tie)

Best Comeback--Oops...Nevermind: Robert Downey Jr.

The Wreckx-n-Effect Memorial "One Hit Wonder" Award: Sisqo

The Rolling Stones Memorial "Time to Hang it Up" Award: Bad Religion

The Sofia Coppola "I Can't Act" Award: The entire cast of *Bring It On*

The Christopher Walken's Face "Things That Creep Me Out" Award: Catherine Zeta-Jones marriage to Michael Dou-

glas, and then having a baby with him.

The "It Would Have Been Better With O.D.B. There" Award: *The W* by The Wu-Tang Clan and the MTV VMAs (tie).

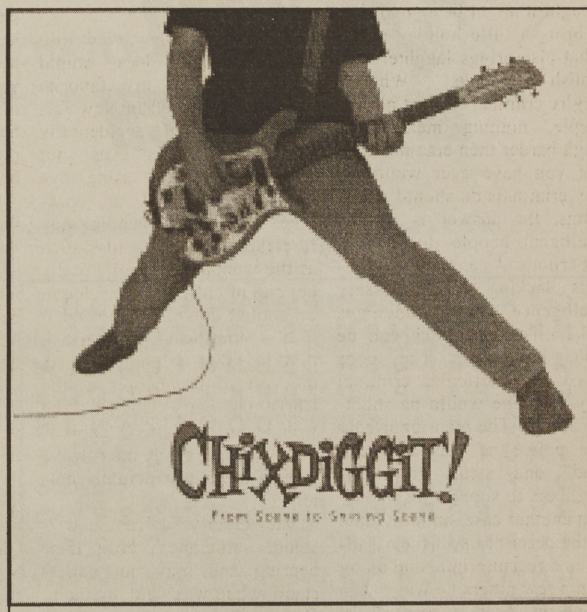
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The "Didn't Pearl Jam Sound Like This Five Years Ago?" Award: Creed

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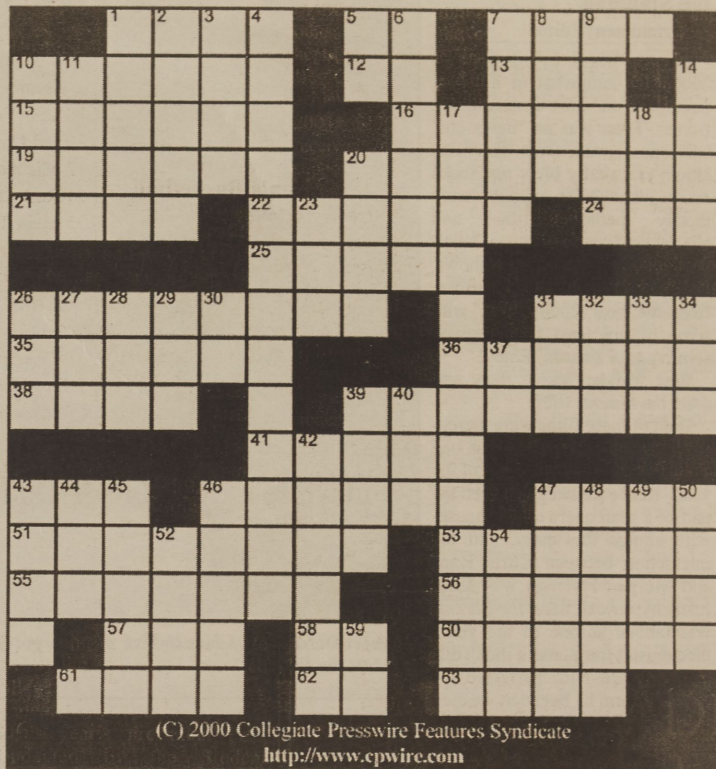
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Across

1. To have and to ____
5. State next to IL
7. Satisfy
10. An intense fear
12. In the direction of
13. What did you say?
15. A quantity to which another quantity is added
16. Ornamental blooming plants
19. Participated in a game
20. Caused blackouts in WWII
21. Without
22. Afar
24. Fish eggs
25. Moons (fr.)
26. Excess
31. Fencing foil
35. ____ to the core!
36. Shades of yellows
38. October birthstone
39. Forms of math
41. Where to meet the Robert E. Lee
43. Mimic
46. Strip down the highway
47. Questions
51. Under twenty
53. A seal on a document
55. State of being a monster
56. Exempt

Down

57. Contraction
58. Only one
60. Before the present
61. A state of alarm
62. ____ what!
63. Talk back
1. Indian house
2. Carries out an order
3. Drop me a ____
4. Movie with Astaire and Caron
5. Addams family cousin
6. Not favoring one term or another
7. Gather in sewing
8. A soft breeze
9. A possessive pronoun
10. Soft foods
11. Hawaiian dance
14. Being
17. Places to get the good word out
18. "Much ____ About Nothing"
20. Friends of Siamese King
23. Possessive pronoun
26. For
27. Cut off
28. Abbrev. at airport
29. Abbrev. entire
30. That man again!
31. A kind of tide
32. Each
33. A laundry detergent
34. Phonetic letter of alphabet
39. Enthusiastic
40. Meadow
42. Diseases of water retention
43. Boy cat
44. Place to hang a coat
45. Weird
46. Golds
47. Peaks
48. Avoids
49. Boardwalk game
50. Olio
52. Russian River
54. The God of Egypt said, "I ____"
59. Negative



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WORD SEARCH

Number Jumble

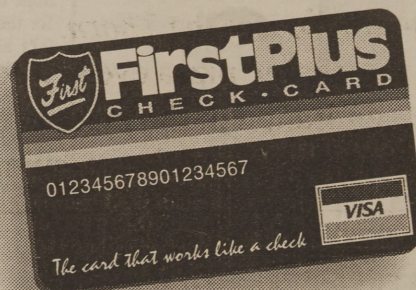
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| Five | Seven | Twelve |
| Four | Six | Two |

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Hendrix vs. Rose men

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Rhodes vs. Rose men
Rhodes vs. Rose women

Jan. 5 - 7:00 p.m. EST Tipoff
Rose women at Millsaps College
Rose men at Millsaps College

SWIMMING

Jan. 6 - 1:00 p.m. start
Rose-Hulman at Principia Invit.

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Earlham 68
Rose-Hulman 64
Ryan Harris 19 pts
T.J. Holmes 16 pts
Chris Unton 14 pts

Team record 2-6

Women's Basketball

St. Mary's College 67
Rose-Hulman 66
Jessica Farmer 17 pts, 6 reb
Carissa Hasselbring 13 pts
Molly McKeown 13 pts, 4 asst
Christina Forsuth 11 pts, 7 reb

Team Record 3-6

Men's basketball stats vs Earlham

## Player Name	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS		PF	TP	A	TOBLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT						
53 Chris Unton.....f	5-10	0-0	4-6	0	4	4	3	14	1	1	1	2 34
45 Ryan Harris.....c	4-8	0-0	11-11	3	3	6	4	19	0	4	2	3 25
11 T.J. Holmes.....g	4-10	1-4	7-7	0	1	1	5	16	2	0	0	3 36
23 Jimmy Kosieniakg	1-4	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	2	3	4	0	1 35
33 Clint Ferguson...g	1-3	0-1	2-4	0	1	1	4	4	0	2	0	0 15
10 Jon Query.....	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 2
12 Michael Cash.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0 10
21 Rashad Gold.....	1-3	0-1	2-3	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0 8
25 Mark Tingley.....	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	0 11
43 Rob Buxton.....	0-0	0-0	3-4	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	1 15
55 Chris King.....	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0 9
TEAM.....				1	1	2						
Totals.....	17-42	1-9	29-36	7	19	26	21	64	8	11	3	10 200
TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-23 .435 2nd Half: 7-19 .368 Game: .405 DEADBALL												
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-5 .200 2nd Half: 0-4 .000 Game: .111 REBOUNDS												
F Throw % 1st Half: 13-14 .929 2nd Half: 16-22 .727 Game: .806 3,1												

Women's basketball stats at St. Mary's College

## Player Name	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS		PF	TP	A	TOBLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT						
23 Michelle Unger.....f	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	2	1	3	0	0 15
50 Christina Forsyth....f	5-15	0-0	1-2	2	5	7	4	11	1	3	0	0 29
32 Carissa Hasselbring.c	6-11	0-0	1-2	3	2	5	3	13	0	2	0	1 35
10 Amanda Rice.....g	2-5	2-5	0-0	0	3	3	4	6	3	6	0	2 28
33 Molly McKeown.....g	4-6	0-0	5-6	2	2	4	4	13	4	7	0	5 35
25 Kiley Wallace.....	0-1	0-0	4-4	2	3	5	2	4	0	5	0	2 15
30 Angie Reynolds.....	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0 10
35 Jessica Farmer.....	7-17	1-4	2-4	3	3	6	4	17	1	1	1	2 28
42 Nikki Rosenow.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0 5
TEAM.....				3	3	6						
Totals.....	25-60	3-9	13-18	15	24	39	24	66	10	30	2	12 200
TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 25-60 .417 2nd Half: 0-0 .000 Game: .417 DEADBALL												
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-9 .333 2nd Half: 0-0 .000 Game: .333 REBOUNDS												
F Throw % 1st Half: 13-18 .722 2nd Half: 0-0 .000 Game: .722 1,1												

Sophomore pole vaulter
qualifies for nationals

Andrew Schipper, sophomore from Ft. Wayne Dwenger, vaulted to his best indoor ever, 15' 9", giving him first place in the Ted Haydon Holiday Classic Track and Field meet at the University of Chicago. The 15' 9" vault qualifies him for a spot at the NCAA Indoor National Championships in Oshkosh, Wisconsin early in March. Schipper will be making his second appearance at the nationals where last year, outdoors, he placed second in the nation. In the 2000 indoor season the mechanical engineering major qualified provisionally for the finals but missed the cut off by a couple of places.

"It was a good day for Andrew," track coach Bill Welch commented. "After he made some adjustments because of a shorter runway, he ended up having two or three very good vaults. He keeps getting closer and closer to getting everything together and is going to have a big break through and then will go sky high. He's much farther along at this time of the year than he was last year at this time."

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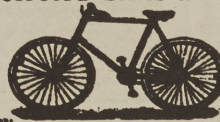
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Answers

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	H	O	L	D		I	N		S	A	T	E			
10	P	H	O	B	I	A	12	T	O		13	H	U	14	E
15	A	U	G	E	N	D			16	S	17	P	I	R	E
19	P	L	A	Y	E	D			20	A	I	R	R	A	I
21	S	A	N	S			22	Y	O	N	D	E	R	24	R
							25	L	U	N	E	S			
26	P	L	E	T	H	O	R	A				31	E	P	E
35	R	O	T	T	E	N					36	A	M	B	E
38	O	P	A	L					39	A	40	L	G	E	B
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43	A	P	E				46	M	E	D	I	A	N		
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														49	K
55	O	G	R	E	I	S	M							50	S



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Top Ten Reasons Not To Come Back After Break

- 10 Met a girl named Mary Jane...
- 9 The squirrels are STILL laughing at you.
- 8 That "Senior Project Thingie."
- 7 Better than 5k downloads at home.
- 6 StarCraft, EverQuest, Unreal Tourney, etc...
- 5 You've discovered your true vocational calling: Surf Ninja
- 4 You're a CS, you never really needed to come in the first place.
- 3 You're a Civil: dirt + water = mud. Congratulations, you're employable.
- 2 All of the XO's hate you.
- 1 The quiet nobility of the "Hautian Life" has inspired you to join them.

submitted by the Dark Lord of Humor



TSC fails to escape bad press with name change, will now identify self with symbol

TERRE HAUTE, IN - Hose-Rulman technology services, previously known as WCC (Wadders of Campus Connections), was unable to improve student opinion by changing their name to TSC. Thus, they will now perform another transition, this time to an unpronounceable symbol.

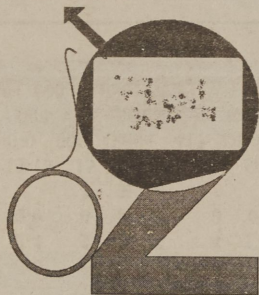
Tewis Lurcotte commented, "We feel that this symbol will express what we're all about better than any words possibly could."

The organization formerly known as TSC is a component of IAIT, which doesn't really stand for anything. IAIT is in charge of the library, computing systems, phones, pigeon migration, and bus-sing schedules in the bistate area.

We asked Fannie Sweat, a... er... former TSC techie how they plan to answer the phones at the Help Desk, and she said, "We won't. We can't answer the phones

with a straight face, so we'll just have to wait until everyone has videoconferencing equipment before we can take calls again."

Fannie was then accused of "consorting with the media," and dragged away by men in black suits claiming to be "Help Desk - Division 6."



TSC's new symbol

Ask The Hamburgular



Dear Hamburgular,

I am a freshman IC student who's starting to feel the time crunch this quarter. It seems that no matter what I do, I can't find enough time in the day to get all my homework done. This is the end of my rope, and I need some advice. What should I do?

-Sinking in Skinner

Dear Sinking,

Robble robble robble robble. Robble robble, robble, robble. Robble unguarded burger robble robble. Robble robble robble? Robble! Robble robble stale burger.

Dear Hamburgular,

I'm an avid game player, and recently I've been hooked on a game called 'The Sims'. Unfortunately, my sim characters are morbidly depressed. They refuse to study, go to work, clean, or do anything except sit on the couch and watch 'Futurama' reruns. They can't even seem to use the restroom properly, and the maid is getting tired of driving out to clean up after them. How can I make them happy and productive again?

-Virtually Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

Robble. Robble robble robble robble. Robble robble robble robble grimace robble robble tubby purple twit. Robble robble robble not committed to cause. Robble robble robble robble 7 day waiting period robble robble AK-47. Robble robble robble robble robble robble. Robble, robble robble end the Burger King's reign of terror!

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Yay, Prof Quotes!

"I damn near busted one trying to get it off"

-- Dr. Rick Seyler, in regards to a lid on a pressure cooker during a Chem 1 lecture on supersaturation.

"Do not make that mistake. If you do, I will kill you. I will come to your room with my hockeystick, and I will brain you."

-- Dr. Lopez, while talking about a mistake that we are NOT going to make

"Get rid of 'Rose-Hulman,' call it 'Tews University' instead."

-- Dr. Hulbert, while suggesting in a prosthetics class that he would rename the institute if senior Alyson Tews discovers a new material that would make her "billions of dollars."

"If you see a 3-legged goat in San Antonio, let me know."

-- Dr. Hulbert, while discussing prosthetics for goats.

Bush Election Causes Unemployment

Thousands of media pundits left jobless, starving.

See "About time" -Page 9

This Week In History:

Gaul, 1311 - The Franks discover their asses.

See "Zut Aiors! Q'est que c'est?" -Page 10

Sun Slowly Going Out

Ice and cold are engulfing the world. Scientists predict doom. Analysts recommend sweaters. "It could get nippy."

See "World Doomed" -Page 11